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Rountree Lecture Well Received

Dr. Helen Rountree and Rebecca Miller

The Nabb Research Center is pleased to announce that over 100 people attended Dr. Helen Rountree's lecture on Eastern Shore Indians held in the Worcester Room of the Commons. Rountree spoke extensively on how Native Americans utilized their natural resources along the rivers of the Eastern Shore and at the same time cultivated a balanced relationship with the environment. Rountree also highlighted Indian fishing, farming, foraging and hunting and the unique way in which certain Eastern Shore Indians organized their towns. She also commented on the vital role women played in finding ideal land for their families. After Rountree's lecture, the audience participated in a question-and-answer session followed by a catered reception. The Nabb Center thanks Dr. Rountree for her enlightening presentation and the numerous individuals who helped make the event a complete success.

Three Ships Came Sailing In ... By James Edward Jensen

During the Colonial period many ships came through the waters of Somerset County, MD. Among the numerous land records one can find the advertisements for these ships listing their commanders and the rate at which they took tobacco freight to England. Between 1718 and 1751 the rates varied from around 7 to 16 pounds sterling per ton of tobacco, but from 1747 to 1750 the rate dropped sharply from a high of 16 to a mere 7 pounds sterling, reflecting the unstable nature of this cash crop. The ships were commanded by local entrepreneurs like John Coward, Francis Hayward, Capt. William Hooper, Roger Kellet, Henry Lowes, James Lucas and Capt. William Murray, most of whom could boast inventories amounting to over a thousand pounds sterling. These often overlooked advertisements name the rivers where the ships lay at anchor, such as the Nanticoke, Wicomico, Manokin and Pocomoke, as well as the individuals to whom the shipments were consigned—the latter consisting of rich merchants back in England. The Eastern Shore was definitely active in the tobacco trade and this in turn allowed Somerset and her sister counties to profit from their close ties to the economics of the English Empire.

Ship	At Anchor in	Commander	Rate/Ton tob.	Consigned to	Date
Accomack	Nanticoke R.	Henry Lows (Master)	£7 sterling		1737/38
The Eunice	Wiccocomoco R.	Roger Kellet	£6/10 sterling		1739
The Brothers	Wickacomoco R.		£7 sterling	Mr. Neal Buckannan	1739
The Albany	Wickacomoco R.		£9 sterling	Mr. Neal Buckannan	1740
Bettey	Manoken R.		£9 sterling	Mr. Charles Rogers	1740/41
William & Mary	Nanticoke R.	James Lucas	£12 sterling	James Johnson	1745
The Planters Friendship	Wickacomoco R.	Capt. William Hooper	£12 sterling	Mr. Anthony Bacon	1745
The Somerset	Wicocomico R.	Capt. William Murray	£12 sterling	Mr. George Buckanan & Mr. William Hamilton	1745
Gale	Wickocomoco R.	William Murray (Mas.)	£15 sterling	Mr. Buckanan & Mr. Hamilton	1747
Johnson	Nanticoke R.	Francis Hayward (Mas.)	£16 sterling	Mr. James Johnson & Mr. Richard Oswell	1747
Integrity	Pocomoke R.	John Coward	£7 sterling	Mr. Anthony Bacon	1750
The Somerset	Wecomico R.	William Murray	£7 sterling	Mr. Anthony Bacon	1751
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Wish List: Books

Robert W. Barnes, *Maryland Marriage Evidences, 1634-1718* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2005). $35

George Ely Russell and Donna Valley Russell, *The Ark and the Dove Adventurers* (Baltimore: Maryland Genealogical Publishing Company, 2005). $28.50

John Frederick Dorman, *Adventurers of Purse and Person: Virginia, 1607- 1624/5*, vol. 2, fourth edition (Baltimore: Maryland Genealogical Publishing Company, 2005). $89.50

V. L. Skinner, *Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland: Volume II: 1670-1674, libers 5, 6* (Baltimore: Clearfield Company, 2005). $28.50

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Nabb Book Club

Anticipating the 400th year celebration of the Jamestown Colony, the Nabb Research Center asks our members to comment on whether there is an interest in forming a book club that would read selections from *Jamestown Narratives: Eyewitness Accounts of the Virginia Colony* by Edward Wright Haile. The group would meet once a month beginning in February and discuss the agreed upon narrative(s). Additional programming may be developed as the year progresses. If you are interested in this program, please call 410-543-6312 or e-mail rcdhac@salisbury.edu. In your reply, please indicate a preference for afternoon or early evening meetings. If we hear from 15 members, we will proceed with planning and contact interested participants with dates and time.

Book group participants will be responsible for purchasing the book. An example of an online vendor, the Virginia Historical Society, sells the title for $39.35.

Coming Soon: African-American Photograph Lecture

In honor of Black History Month, Ross J. Kelbaugh will discuss the identification and care of African-American photographs. The lecture is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. This program is made possible through a grant by Nabb members Niel and Helen Carey of Ellicott City, MD.